

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

BASHAR H. ZAAL,

Defendant.

Case No. 22-CR-77-JPS

ORDER

On April 5, 2022, the Grand Jury returned a single-count Indictment, charging Defendant with violating 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). ECF No. 1. On March 14, 2023, the parties filed a plea agreement, indicating that Defendant has agreed to plead guilty to the Indictment. ECF No. 31.

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries on April 18, 2023 to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. ECF No. 33. Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to Count One in the Indictment. *Id.* After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Dries determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary and that the offenses charged were supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offenses. ECF No. 34.

On April 18, 2023, Magistrate Judge Dries filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted; (2) a presentence investigation report be prepared; and (3) Defendant be adjudicated guilty and have a sentence imposed accordingly. *Id.* Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C.

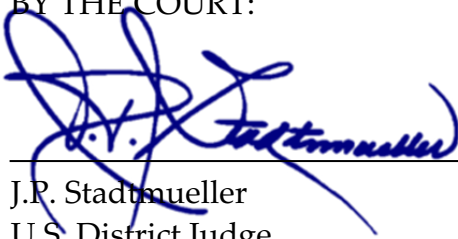
§ 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. *Id.* To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Dries's recommendation and will adopt it.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 34, be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 11th day of May, 2023.

BY THE COURT:



J.P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge